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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Amory, Assistant Director for Research and Reports

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED] 25X1A

SUBJECT : Impressions of [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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Arriving in [REDACTED] on May 1, I was met at the airport by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a who overcame several administrative obstacles and guided me to quarters in the [REDACTED] 25X1A. On Friday I was met by Dick and [REDACTED] Administrative 25X1A9a Officer for [REDACTED] and although my "orders" were vague, it was decided that [REDACTED] 25X1A6a would be the most logical place for me to begin operations. On that basis [REDACTED] 25X1A6a I was put through the administrative procedures, and late that afternoon went with [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

On Monday [REDACTED] 25X1A6a called and reported that he had chicken pox; (he has, it is said, applied for permanent quarters in the children's disease ward of the local hospital). That left me completely on my own so I thought I had better begin to get acquainted with various offices, starting with [REDACTED] 25X1A6a. I talked with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and got the idea that [REDACTED] was having difficulty keeping its staff working because there were no defectors coming in. I had in mind the possibility of being placed in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gave me 25X1A the impression that that might be a logical move. 25X1A9a

I made an appointment with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a for Wednesday. However, I never got to him because [REDACTED] 25X1A9a assistant, descended on me and decided that [REDACTED] was 25X1A the place for me, and that now was the time. So with a few quick administrative changes I was attached to the [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1A9a

I explained my position as representative of ORR to [REDACTED] and was assured by both that I had full authority to conduct ORR business, and that ORR's interests would not be jeopardized by limiting my movements. In fact, they volunteered that being in [REDACTED] would enable me to keep 25X1A in better touch with current intelligence and so be of more value to ORR. 25X1A9a

Most of the morning was spent with [REDACTED] going over the work and organization of the Division, my communications with ORR, and future recruiting from ORR. I came away with the following impressions:

1. [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. It is a small division, prior to my acquisition it had about seven analysts including [REDACTED] with one analyst working on economic matters but whose area included only East Germany. 25X1A9a

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3. Realizing that communications to ORR were of great importance, I was assured that cable, telecom, and perhaps even telephone would be available. 25X1A

25X1A9a 4. There apparently is a very close link between [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 5. This division is instrumental in providing all offices in Washington, and [REDACTED] with up to the minute reports on political and some economic intelligence matters - but only for the indicated areas.

6. Although some items come in on the USSR, probably none will come for the other satellites, such as Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

- 7. Complete changeover of personnel will take place by January, staffed by [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

The above have not had a chance to jell as yet and probably will not until I have been here at least a week. In the meantime, I feel that ORR is in a much better position with a representative right in the [REDACTED] Building, able to keep in close touch with all the people bringing in material useful in economic intelligence work. 25X1A6d

25X1A9a [REDACTED] is intent on getting three ORR men here in re his conversation with you, and most probably would like to have them soon. On the surface this looks like a good opportunity to get some ORR men over here. I would like in the near future to get more clearly [REDACTED] thoughts on how these ORR men would fit into this organization, and what their ties would be to ORR. The area of common interest is very restricted, - almost entirely at present to East Germany. And although there seems to be a very heavy workload they will have their economic analyst here until December.

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I feel that it would be wise to discuss this matter at length with you around the ninth of June [REDACTED] In the meantime, one month should give me a fairly good idea of how this operation would best fit the interests of ORR.

I have talked this matter over with [REDACTED] but have come up with no definite thoughts on the subject. 25X1A9a

My official address is: [REDACTED]

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If there are any questions, cable or telecom are available in addition to regular pouch.

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